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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures for the period averaged slightly below normal in the eastern portion of the State and 5 to 8 degrees below normal in the west. Lack of sunshine made the days relatively cold. Snowfall was light except for about 3 inches on the 10th in some southeastern localities. Most of the snow disappeared quickly because of rising temperatures at the close of the period.

CROPS Winter wheat and rye are beginning to green up. Moisture from the snow has helped a little in part of the State but an inch of precipitation is needed to moisten the top soil as there has been very little moisture since November 15. Additional moisture would put the soil in better shape for spring farm work. Farmers are eager to begin their spring farm work preparing land for seeding oats and barley. Apparently more alfalfa will be seeded this spring than usual because of the favorable subsoil moisture and abundance of locally produced seed throughout most of the State.

Hay supply is cheaper in areas having a surplus. There are still some reports of shortages in cars for shipping grain. The slow movement of grain earlier because of car shortage was a break for those who held their grain because of the recent marked advance in price. The present high level of farm commodities is stimulating further interest in farming. The fine reserve of subsoil moisture throughout the State is also a favorable factor. One report indicates that the water level in wet meadows in the sandhill area is the highest in two years. Farm labor is generally ample and there is more new farm machinery available than last year but not enough to get the full demand.

LIVESTOCK The present high price of hogs has stimulated marketing. Reports indicate that some farmers have even sold their breeding stock. There is a good demand for milk cows and for baby chicks. Some reports indicate that cattle feeders are having difficulty in getting enough corn. Barring an extended period of stormy weather, it looks as if the hay supply will be ample even for those areas that were short. Reports indicate that cattle wintered well. There are quite a few reports of losses of spring pigs.

Eastern Division

Grand Island .21  
Lincoln 2-1147 .08  
Norfolk .03  
Omaha .03  
Sioux City .12

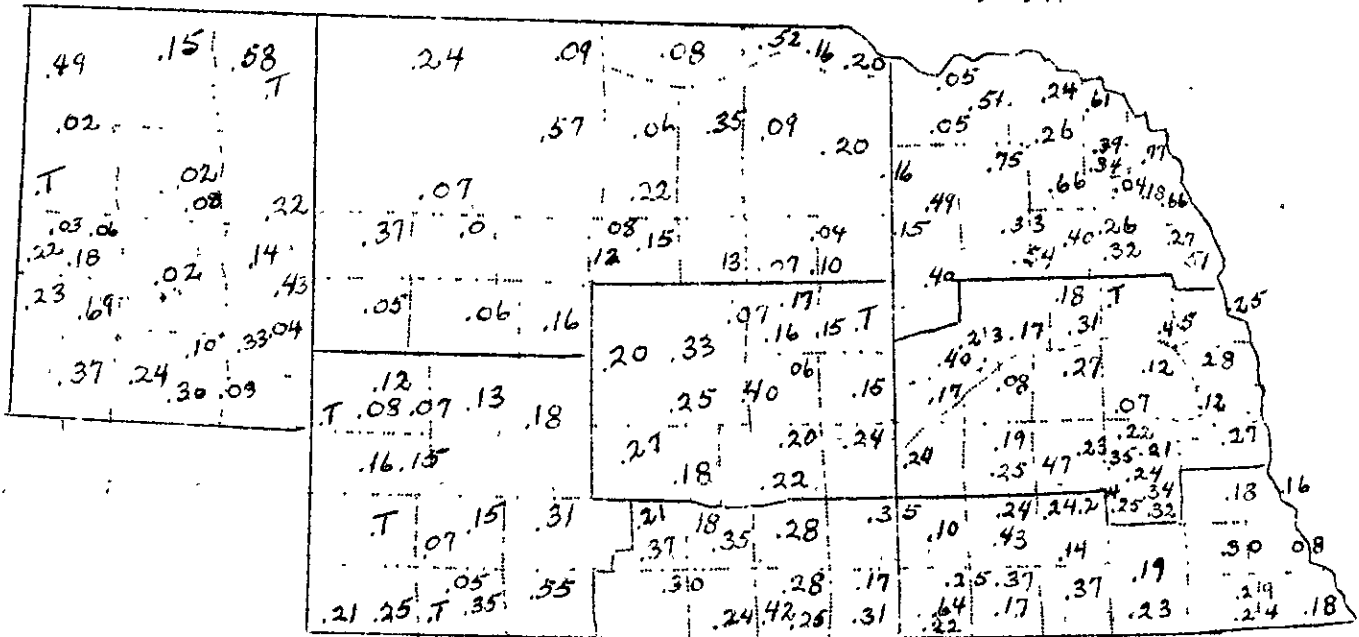
Central Division

Curwell .03  
North Platte .01  
Valentine .20

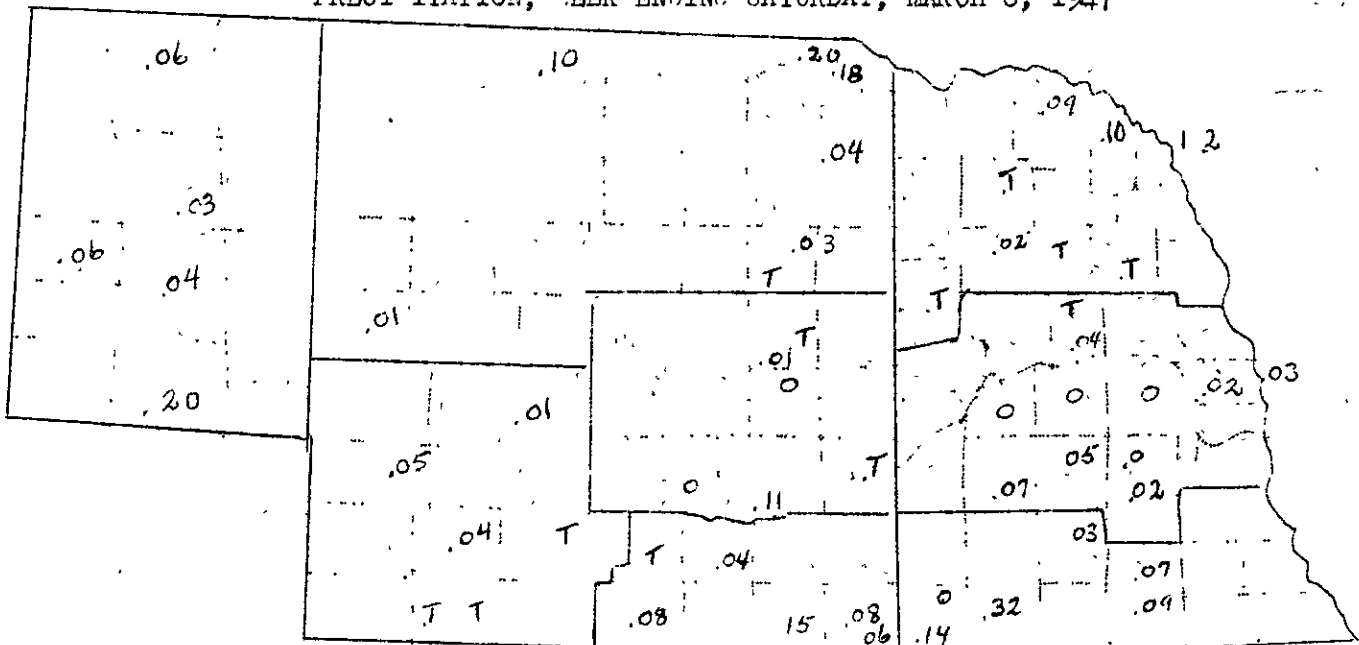
Western Division

Chadron .04  
Hayes Center .04  
Scottsbluff .06  
Sidney .12

# PRECIPITATION MAP FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1947



## PRECIPITATION, WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1947



### HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (For 24 hrs. ending 7:30 a.m.)

		March 5th		6th		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	25	10	18	-2	29	11	35	14	33	21	45	22	56	26
	Scottsbluff	27	14	22	5	27	10	42	19	54	22	50	19	56	24
	Sidney	26	16	22	6	22	0	38	22	52	26	25	21	51	25
N-C	Burwell	30	--	24	7	28	20	30	20	34	--	39	29	38	35
	Valentine	25	14	18	-6	19	13	32	15	40	30	42	31	49	32
NE	Norfolk	29	21	25	13	27	20	32	25	36	31	40	30	37	35
	Sioux City	30	21	30	18	--	19	33	19	38	31	39	30	36	33
Cen.	Grand Island	30	23	24	10	31	22	36	28	35	30	38	28	38	36
	Lincoln	38	26	30	20	34	25	38	26	41	33	44	30	40	33
E-C	Omaha	34	25	31	25	36	26	36	26	38	32	42	31	38	36
	Hayes Center	27	20	21	4	24	12	34	18	36	21	35	28	48	31
SW	North Platte	28	19	23	3	24	13	36	23	37	25	36	30	45	32